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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP).

Great Britain banned forced molting in 1987 and most European countries do not allow food deprivation for more than 24 hours. Why are we so far behind? Greed, I would imagine.

Forced molting is a terribly cruel "animal husbandry" practice.

Sincerely,



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